

TEXT OF BELGIAN PLEA TO WILSON

Washington, Sept. 16.—The text of the statement of the Belgian high commission presented by President Wilson at the White House today by Mr. Carton De Wiart, was as follows:

"Excellency: His Majesty the King of the Belgians has charged us with a special mission to the President of the United States."

"Let me say to you how much we feel ourselves honored to have been called to express the sentiments of our King and of our whole nation to the illustrious statesman whom the American people have called to the highest dignity of the commonwealth."

"As far as I am concerned, I have already been able, during a previous trip, to fully appreciate the noble virtues of the American nation and I am happy to take this opportunity to express the admiration with which they inspired me."

"Ever since her independence was first established Belgium has been declared neutral in perpetuity. This neutrality, guaranteed by the powers, has recently been violated by one of them. Had we consented to abandon our neutrality for the benefit of one of the belligerents we would have betrayed our obligations towards the others and it was the sense of our international obligations as well as that of our dignity and honor that has driven us to resistance."

"The consequences suffered by the Belgian nation were not confined purely to the harm occasioned by the forced march of an invading army. This army not only seized a great portion of our territory but it committed incredible acts of violence of the nature in which is contrary to the rights of mankind."

"Peaceful inhabitants were massacred, defenseless women and children were outraged, open and undefended towns were destroyed, historical and religious monuments were reduced to dust and the famous library of the University of Louvain was given to the flames."

"Our government has appointed a judicial committee to make an official investigation as to the facts and determine the responsibility thereof and I will have the honor to report the findings of the inquiry."

"In this frightful holocaust, which is sweeping all over Europe, the United States have adopted a neutral attitude."

"And it is for this reason that your country, standing apart from either one of the belligerents, is in the best position to judge without bias and impartially the conditions under which the war is being waged."

"It was at the request, even at the initiative, of the United States that all civilized nations have formulated and adopted at The Hague a law regulating the rights and usages of war."

"We refuse to believe that war has abolished the family of civilized powers or the regulations to which they have freely consented."

"The American people has always displayed its respect for justice, its search for progress and an instinctive attachment for the laws of humanity. Therefore, it has won a moral influence that is recognized by the entire world. It is for this reason that Belgium, bound as it is with you by ties of commerce and increasing friendship, turns to the American people at this time to let it know the real truth of the present situation."

"Resolved to continue its untimely defense of its sovereignty and independence, it deems it a duty to bring to the attention of the civilized world the innumerable grave breaches of right of mankind, of which she has been a victim."

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Patriotism Should Never Rise Above Humanity

By HERMAN RIDDER, Editor New Yorker Staats-Zeitung

SOONER OR LATER THE NATIONS ENGAGED IN WAR WILL FIND THEMSELVES SPENT AND WEARY. THERE WILL BE VICTORY FOR SOME, DEFEAT FOR OTHERS AND PROFIT FOR NONE. THERE CAN HARDLY BE ANY LASTING LAURELS TO ANY OF THE CONTENTING PARTIES. TO CHANGE THE MAP OF EUROPE IS NOT WORTH THE PRICE OF A SINGLE HUMAN LIFE. PATRIOTISM SHOULD NEVER RISE ABOVE HUMANITY.

The history of war is merely a succession of blunders. Each treaty of peace sows the seed of future strife. War offends our intelligence and outrages our sympathies. We can but stand aside and murmur: "The pity of it all! The pity of it all!"

I CANNOT LOSE MY FAITH, HOWEVER, THAT THE HUMAN RACE CONTINUES TO ADVANCE DESPITE ALL OBSTACLES. IT SNATCHES WHAT BENEFITS IT CAN FROM EVERY SITUATION.

dance hall at Ontario eBach, N. Y. were destroyed by fire. The loss is \$35,000.

There were 1,200 deaths in New York city last week compared with 1,180 during the same period a year ago.

WHAT YOU MUST DO TO BECOME ELECTOR

Applications Must Be Filed With Registrars' By October 12, at 5 P. M.

FACTS PROSPECTIVE VOTERS SHOULD KNOW

Information for Those Eligible to Vote for the First Time This Fall

All persons who desire to be made voters in order to take part in the election on November 3rd must file applications with the registrar of voters before 5 p. m. on October 12th. Any citizen who has attained the age of 21 years and is not already a voter may make application. Women can be electors in this state to vote for members of the board of education. A residence of one year in the state and six months in the city before they can receive the elector's oath.

The selectmen will be in session with the town clerk in the common council chamber at the city hall from October 16 to October 23, inclusive, from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of administering the elector's oath to those entitled to receive it. A later date will be set for making voters those who may attain their majority at any date after October 23 and up to election day, but all such must file application prior to 5 p. m. on the afternoon of October 12.

No person who fails to comply with this rule can be made a voter and persons entitled to be made from October 16 to 23rd cannot receive the oath at the time specially designated for those who attain their majority after October 23.

All naturalized citizens must show their naturalization papers to the selectmen and establish their identity. Foreigners who attain their majority here may be made on their father's papers provided they have resided one year in the state and six months in Bridgeport.

Foreign voters who have returned to the city may have their names restored to the voting list without appearing before the selectmen by proving to the registrars of voters that they have lived six months in the town or if they have been residing outside of Connecticut, proving that they have lived one year in the state.

The selectmen are James Griffin, Samuel J. Edwards, Lemery, Daniel Smith and Robert C. Horton.

The registrars of voters prepare lists of those entitled to be made which are distributed several days before the election. These lists are placed on these lists when appearing before the selectmen to be made voters. are required to give to a clerk in the council chamber, lobby, their name, residence, age, place of birth, occupation and the voting district they reside in.

The clerk fills in a slip containing this information which the applicant takes to the clerk in the council chamber. This member of the board requires him to repeat this information and make oath to it. Another member of the board then administers the constitutional oath, which in substance is that he will support the constitution of the United States and the State of Connecticut. Another member of the board then requires him to sign the usually a section of one of the statutes. This ends the procedure and the successful applicant gets his name on the voting list. Only those who can read and write may be made voters in Connecticut.

In facilitating the work of making voters one of the most important positions in the procedure is the post of clerk who first sees the applicant and hands him the slip to the selectmen. Thomas F. White, deputy registrar of voters, usually occupies this position. By long experience Mr. White is able to make out slips rapidly and keep the line moving toward the selectmen. A naturalized citizen wants his name written differently than it appears on his naturalization papers. Mr. White explains that it cannot be done because the papers are a court order which cannot be changed. Another may have only his first papers and would be turned back by the selectmen.

Another may be an old voter who has returned to Bridgeport and wants to get his name on the list. A clerk who did not understand might send these men to the selectmen and they would delay the process. In past years Mr. White has given much valuable assistance by weeding out those not entitled to be made and undoubtedly the selectmen will appoint him to the position this year.

Those born here of foreign parentage and who attain their majority here, can be made voters without any naturalization papers, provided they have lived in the city and state the required time.

The data concerning all voters made is carefully preserved by the registrars of voters and becomes part of the town records.

The registrars are already receiving applications to be made and the indications are that a large number will be added to the lists this year.

HENRY E. REILLY RECOVERS FROM ILLNESS.

After a long illness in Bridgeport hospital, Henry E. Reilly is again able to be upon the streets and is receiving the congratulations of his many friends about the city. Mr. Reilly was taken suddenly ill while at Walnut Beach and was rushed to this city late at night to be operated upon at midnight.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES TONIGHT.

The finance committee and the streets and sidewalks committee of the Common Council will meet tonight in the city clerk's office at city hall.

OPEN SEWER BIDS TONIGHT.

At a meeting of the paving and sewer commission in the city auditor's office tonight bids will be opened on the sewers in Elm and Wade streets.

HOWLAND'S

Bridgeport, Conn.,
Wednesday, Aug. 5, 1914.

The Weather:—
Fair and warmer.



Styles for Autumn will please women more generally than for several seasons.

Dresses in the new Basque model have a piquant air which wins favor quickly.

Suits made with the new Russian tunic skirt are welcome change from the full-topped models of a season ago. The tunic, too, is cut in such variety of patterns that there is no tiresome likeness of design or effect in the suits.

A military note is struck by some of the fashions. 'Tis not too loud or insistent: is bright and inspiring.

But seeing fashions is far better than reading of them.

Suits and dresses, in particular, are ready in much variety. They are correct, tasteful, attractive in price as in effect.

We'll be very pleased to show them at your convenience.

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Artloom Wilton rugs, usually sold at \$39 are \$29

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This special lot of Artloom rugs is right up to standard. Patterns are pleasing and so diversified they'll harmonize with furnishings of one's home. Lower price is not made to cover some fault in them. They simply are offered at these special figures because of a bit of trade good fortune.

8 ft 3 inches by 10 ft 6 inches, regular \$39,— \$29
9 by 12 ft, regular \$45,— \$33

Carpet Hall, third floor.

Beach and McCutcheon offer new stories.

Rex Beach leaves Alaska and its clear clean air for New York in his latest story:

The Auction Block. It's a story of a remarkable young actress who is, as to speak, offered by her family to the highest bidder. It is unusual, interesting, worth reading because so much different from his other stories.—\$1.25.

Will Harben, whose Southern stories are delightfully out of the ordinary and whose people are real people, offers The New Clarion. 'Tis a story of a young editor who becomes numbered among the friends of Abner Daniel and Pele Baker.—\$1.25.

This trio gives hint of how much delight is in store for folks who like good reading—for there are many new stories now ready.

Main floor, rear.

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GERMANS ENGAGED IN GREAT BATTLE

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Laine and the Craonne. "At the center their line of resistance yesterday was north of Rheims and the camp of Charlons toward Vienna (a town on the western border). The hostile forces south of the Argonne have accentuated their movement, retreating between the Argonne and the river Meuse."

Urges Humane Treatment. Paris, Sept. 16.—It has been learned here that General Lutaul, governor general of Algeria and commander-in-chief of the North African province, in a message to his local officials has reminded them of the attitude of France in the matter of the treatment of prisoners of war with special reference to the conveyance of German prisoners soon to arrive in Algeria and who, he says, should be treated humanely and kindly.

"You should not forget," the general reminds his subordinates, "that they are a conquered people, deprived of arms and liberty. Even though other nations have violated human rights, nevertheless France, in accordance with her old traditions should give an example to the world of the exemplary treatment of a vanquished foe, showing in addition to superiority in arms, elevation of conscience and respect for human liberties."

URGES BUSINESS CHANCES

London, Sept. 16.—The Petrograd correspondent of "The Times" telegraphs that he is authorized by Sergei Sazanoff, the Russian foreign minister, to make the following statement in his behalf: "I quite realize that accounts of victories and routs, acts of heroism, and magnificent assaults may sell newspapers but above and beyond all

NAMES DELEGATES FOR WATERWAYS

Mayor Wilson today named Romeo W. Miller, Samuel E. Vincent and Harry H. Hamilton as delegates from Bridgeport to the seventh annual convention of the Atlantic Deep Waterway association to be held in New York, September 23rd to 27th. All three are much interested in the subject and will undoubtedly attend the convention, paying their own expenses.

The 14th annual conference of the sanitary officers of New York state opened at Saratoga, N. Y. Gov. Glynn is in attendance.

Peace treaties with Great Britain, France, Spain and China were signed by Secretary of State Bryan with representatives of these countries.

Mail service between the United States and Mexico was resumed. The service was suspended more than a year ago because of the revolution.

DEDICATE SHAFT TO MAINE OFFICER

Pittsburgh, Sept. 16.—The delegates to convention of the Veterans of the Foreign Wars of the United States today joined with Western Pennsylvania army and naval veterans of the Spanish-American war in dedicating a memorial to Lieut. Frank W. Jenkins, the only commissioned officer killed when the battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor.

The memorial is constructed of part of the Maine and is situated in West Park, north side. Lieut. Jenkins was born in Pittsburgh.

Lawn tennis is said to be more popular in society this summer than ever before, in spite of the fact that it is not a costly game to play.

Evidence of the recent presence of a picnic party is not furnished as much by crumbs and lunch boxes as by the corks.

Dealers in food supplies are raising prices so that war may have the proper effect on the consumer by developing his endurance and heroism.

The Mexican Federals have consented to be disarmed, which is almost as humiliating as going to war.

This is the time when the candidate for Congress again becomes anxious for the welfare of all your relatives.

The summer hotels will take the gift of a nice mess of fish, provided the cook is well tipped for frying them.

NOTICE.—The State Board of Examiners will hold examinations at the barber shop of Martin Horchler, No. 129 Wall St., Bridgeport, on Monday, Sept. 28th, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. All persons qualified to take this examination are notified to be present. Michael Cratty, Secretary.

ANTWERP HOUSE DAMAGED BY BOMB DROPPED FROM GERMAN ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP AT NIGHT



HOUSE DAMAGED BY ZEPPELIN BOMB IN ANTWERP

This picture shows what a bomb dropped from a Zeppelin airship over Antwerp, Belgium, did to a private house. It shattered a second story room on an extension and blew out all the windows. Three persons sleeping in this room were killed. This was only one of the many buildings damaged by bombs hurled from the German airship at night.